

A bill for an act

relating to state government; requiring municipalities to utilize state cooperative purchasing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.345, subdivision 15.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.345, subdivision 15, is amended to read:

Subd. 15. **Cooperative purchasing.** (a) Minnesota cities, counties, and townships must contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment by utilizing contracts that are available through the state's cooperative purchasing venture authorized by section 16C.11 whenever practicable and cost-effective.

(b) Unless required to utilize the state's cooperative purchasing venture under paragraph (a), a municipality may contract for the purchase of supplies, materials, or equipment without regard to the competitive bidding requirements of this section if the purchase is through a national municipal association's purchasing alliance or cooperative created by a joint powers agreement that purchases items from more than one source on the basis of competitive bids or competitive quotations.